WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Joe Courtney continues to monitor the storm flooding in eastern Connecticut and released the following statement:

"My thoughts are with our neighbors who continue to be most impacted by the storm's flooding. This is obviously a very difficult time for many, and I will do all that I can to make sure the resources they need to recover are provided in a timely manner."

"I applaud the hard work and professional response of our region's first responders, who are helping to address the safety of area residents."

"I have been in contact with Governor Rell's office to offer my help in securing federal assistance should it be required, and I remain in constant contact with local town officials and emergency response agencies who are carrying the burden of this storm."

"My office continues to stand ready to assist constituents who are in need of aid. Residents should not hesitate to contact my Norwich District Office at 860-886-0139."

"After cancelling my previously scheduled events for the day, I toured the City of Norwich and spoke with residents and business owners who are of course struggling today. Furthermore, I recently concluded a meeting with state and local officials where I received a firsthand account from first responders about the challenges they face and their tireless efforts to respond to the storm. I applaud them all for their terrific work, and will continue to work with state and local officials to support our emergency responders. As we know from previous weather related challenges, we will overcome and move forward."

WFSB caught up with Representative Courtney while touring Norwich. <u>Click here to watch the video on YouTube.</u>